UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

THOMAS S. WERBIE,

Plaintiff,

and

Civil Action No. 05-C-0340

GOLDEN RULE INSURANCE COMPANY, a foreign insurance corporation, and THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Wisconsin insurance corporation,

Involuntary Plaintiffs,

v.

MERCK & CO., INC., a foreign corporation,

Defendant.

STIPULATION AND ORDER DISMISSING THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Plaintiff, Thomas S. Werbie, Involuntary Plaintiffs, Golden Rule Insurance Company and The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (hereinafter "Northwestern Mutual"), and Defendant, Merck & Co., Inc., through their undersigned counsel, that Northwestern Mutual be, and hereby is,

dismissed with prejudice from this action, without costs to any party.

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Dated: May 20, 2005 s/ Rudolph T. Randa

Honorable Chief Judge Rudolph T. Randa